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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Parzych on 7/30/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

20. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to any one of claims 15 to 19, comprising means for causing at least one gas-flow to flow in at least one through-hole (21, 31) of the susceptor system.

21. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 15 characterized in that it is a reactor for the epitaxial growth of silicon carbide or similar material on substrates.

2. Claims 1-3 and 5-28 are allowed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sylvia R. MacArthur whose telephone number is 571-272-1438. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on 571-272-1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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